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PEST CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

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For additional information regarding potato production, refer to Publication 1300, Atlantic
Canada Potato Guide.

METRIC CONVERSION FACTORS FOR ENGLISH SYSTEM

Metric units $\div$ Approximate conversion factor = Results in:

LINEAR

millimetre (mm)	- 25	inch
centimetre (cm)	- 30	foot
metre (m)	- 0.9	yard
kilometre (km)	- 1.6	mile

AREA

sq. centimetre (cm ²)	- 6.5	square inch
sq. metre (m ²)	- 0.09	square inch
hectare (ha)	- 0.40	acre

VOLUME

cubic centimetre (cm ³)	- 16	cubic inch
cubic decimetre (dm ³)	- 29	cubic foot
cubic metre (m ³)	- 0.8	cubic yard
millilitre (mL)	- 28	fluid ounce
litre (L)	- 0.57	pint
litre (L)	- 1.1	quart
litre (L)	- 4.5	gallon
hectolitre (hL)	- 0.36	bushel

WEIGHT

gram (g)	- 28	ounce
kilogram (kg)	- 0.45	pound
tonne (t)	- 0.9	ton

TEMPERATURE

degrees Celsius (°C)	$(9/5 \times ^\circ\text{C}) + 32$	degrees Fahrenheit
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PRESSURE

kilopascal (kPa)	- 6.9	pounds per square inch
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POWER

watt (W)	- 746	horsepower
kilowatt (kW)	- 0.75	

SPEED

metres per second (m/s)	- 0.30	feet per second
kilometres per hr. (km/h)	- 1.6	miles per hour

AGRICULTURE

hectolitres / hec. (hl/ha)	- 0.90	bushels per acre
litres per hec. (L/ha)	- 11.23	gallons per acre
litres per hec. (L/ha)	- 2.8	quarts per acre
litres per hec. (L/ha)	- 1.4	pints per acre
millilitres/hec. (mL/ha)	- 70	fluid ounces per acre
tonnes per hec. (t/ha)	- 2.24	tons per acre
kilograms per hec. (kg/ha)	- 1.12	pounds per acre
grams per hec. (g/ha)	- 70	ounces per acre
plants per hec. (plants/ha)	- 2.47	plants per acre

Examples:

3 km - 1.6 = 1.9 miles
4 ha - 0.4 = 10 acres

13.5 hl/ha - 0.90 = 15 bushels per acre

**POTATO VARIETIES ELIGIBLE FOR
CERTIFICATION IN CANADA AS SEED POTATOES
OCTOBER, 1988**

*** A69868-2	Keswick
Abnaki	McIntyre
Acadia Russet	Mirton Pearl
Anson	Monona
Atlantic	*** NDA 8694-3
Avon	Nipigon
Batoche	Nooksack
Belchip	Norchip
Belleisle	Norgold Russet
Bintje	Norland
Blue Mac	Onaway
Brigus	Pink Pearl
* Butte	Pungo
Caribe	** Purple Chief
Carlton	Raritan
Cherokee	Red Gold
Chieftain	Red La Soda
Connestoga	Red Pontiac
Cupids	* Redsen
* Crystal	*** Rhinered
Donna	Rideau
Early Rose	Rose Gold
Epicure	Russet Burbank
Eramosa	*** Russet Norkotah
* F70021	**** Russette
* F73008	Sable
Fundy	Saginaw Gold
*** Goldrus	Sangre
Gold Coin	Sebago
Green Mountain	Shepody
**** Hampton	Simcoe
Hudson	Superior
Hunter	Tobique
Huron	Trent
* Islander	Viking
Irish Cobbler	Warba
Jemseg	Wauseon
Katahdin	White Rose
Kennebec	* W848
	Yukon Gold
	*** Yankee Chipper

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*** Interim registration -- expires June 9, 1989

**** Interim registration -- expires October 28, 1988

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TOXICITY TABLE

LD50	Hazard Rating	Hazard Symbol
Above 500	Very Low Hazard	VLH
101 - 500	Low Hazard	LH
21 - 100	Moderate Hazard	MH
11 - 20	Very High Hazard	VHH
10 and less	Extremely Hazardous	EH

ABBREVIATIONS

SU suspension
WP wettable power
DU dust
kg kilogram
ha hectare

SC spray concentrate
SN solution
SP soluble power
g gram
L litre
mL millilitre

DP dispersable powder
EC emulsifiable concentrate
GR granular
DF dry flowable
SURF surfactant

INSECTICIDES

Ratings: All insecticides recommended in the table will control the pests. Differences in rating indicate less effectiveness, sensitivity to temperature, potential resurgence of other pests or combinations of these and other factors.
Please see Insecticide notes and /or your Extension Specialist.

E - Excellent
G - Good

S - Spray
B - Band
I - In Furrow
BR - Broadcast

* - Apply at Planting
• - Not recommended or
Not Registered

Chemical	Product	Formulation	Product Per Hectare	Days to Harvest	INSECT CONTROL RATING						Application Method	Hazard Rating
					Green Aphid	Potato Aphid	Buckthorn Aphid	Colorado Beetle	Flea Beetle	Wireworms		
Carbamates	aldicarb	TEMIK 15 G	GR	7.3 - 14.9 kg	E	E	E	E	E	•	B/I	EH
	carbaryl	SEVIN 50W	WP	1.1 - 2.2 kg	•	•	•	G	G	•	S	VLH
		SEVIN 80S	DP	0.75 - 1.5 kg								
		SEVIN XLR	SU	1.25 L								
		FURADAN 10G	GR	32.5 kg	•	•	•	G	G	G	B/I	EH
carbofuran		FURADAN 480F	SU	0.6 - 1.7 L	•	•	G	G	G	•	S	EH
	oxamyl	VYDATE 240EC	EC	2.3 - 3.0 L	G	G	•	G	G	•	S	MH
	pirimicarb	PIRIMOR 50WP	WP	0.43 - 0.55 kg	E	E	E	•	•	•	S	LH
	Chlorinated hydrocarbons											
endosulfan		ENDOSULFAN 400 EC, THIODAN 400 EC	EC	1.4 L	•	•	G	G	G	•	S	MH
Organo-phosphates												
	azinphos-methyl	GUTHION 240SC	SC	1.8 - 3.6 L	•	•	G	G	G	•	S	VHH
	chlorpyrifos	LORSBAN 4E	EC	1.0 L	•	•	•	G	E	•	S	LH
	demeton	SYSTOX 240SC	SC	0.8 - 2.2 L	G	E	E	•	•	•	S	EH
	dimethoate	CYGON, SYS-TEM 480EC	EC	1.1 L	•	E	E	•	•	•	S	LH
	disulfoton	DI-SYSTON 15G	GR	16.8 - 24.6 kg	G	E	E	•	E	G	B/I	VHH
		DI-SYSTON 720LC	EC	2.8 - 4.6 L								
	fonofos	DYFONATE 10G	GR	22.5 / 56.0 kg	•	•	•	•	•	G	VBR	VHH
	methamidophos	MONITOR 480L	SN	1.8 - 2.3 L	E	E	E	G	E	•	S	VHH
	methidathion	SUPRACIDE 250EC	EC	1.1 - 2.3 L	•	•	•	G	E	•	S	MH
	oxydemeton-methyl	META-SYSTOX R 240SC	SC	1.8 - 2.3 L	G	E	E	•	•	•	S	MH
	phorate	THIMET 15G	GR	16.8 - 24.6 kg	G	G	G	G	G	G	B/I	EH
	phosmet	IMIDAN 50WP	WP	2.2 kg	•	•	•	G	E	•	S	LH
Synthetic pyrethroids												
	cypermethrin	CYMBUSH 250EC	EC	0.14 L	•	•	•	E	E	•	S	VLH
		RIPCORD 400EC	EC	0.088 L								
	deltamethrin	DECIS 2.5EC	EC	0.2 - 0.3 L	•	•	•	E	E	•	S	LH
	fenvalerate	BELMARK 300EC	EC	0.1 - 0.33 L	•	G	G	E	E	•	S	LH
	permethrin	AMBUSH 500EC	EC	0.14 - 0.21 L	•	•	•	E	E	•	S	VLH
		POUNCE 384EC	EC	0.19 - 0.28 L								

Because of isolated cases of Colorado Potato Beetle resistance to insecticides and to prevent the development of resistance in other pests, AVOID REPEATED APPLICATIONS OF INSECTICIDES FROM THE SAME CHEMICAL GROUP.

NOTES ON INSECTICIDES

All insecticides listed here will control some potato pests. However, differences in their respective modes of action, persistence, sensitivity to temperature, pest specificity, etc. must be considered when choosing a chemical.

Many of the insecticides used on potatoes are highly poisonous to man, animals, fish, and beneficial insects. Poisoning of the applicator can occur by swallowing, inhaling, or by skin contact. FOLLOW ALL PRECAUTIONS STATED ON THE PRODUCT LABEL. It is against the law not to comply with the label instructions of a pesticide under the Pest Control Products Act of Canada. Contamination of fisheries waters by pesticides is also against the law under the Fisheries Act of Canada.

Carbamates

Non systemic carbamates generally remain effective for 7 - 10 days.

Aldicarb [Temik 15G] is the most toxic of the carbamates to man. It is applied at planting, either in the seed furrow or in the fertilizer band. The lower recommended rate is effective against aphids while the higher rate should be used for other potato insects. Soil temperatures below 10C at time of application, heavy anticipated rainfall, sandy soils with low organic matter, acidic subsoils and water tables less than 15 m deep may allow movement of product residues to groundwater. If one or a combination of these conditions are present, do not apply this product within 150 m of a well and avoid repeated application two years in a row.

Carbaryl [Sevin 50W, 80S, XLR] has low toxicity to man and animals but is highly toxic to bees. It is effective against beetles for 3-4 days under favourable conditions (the XLR formulation may be wash-off resistant for as much as 7 - 10 days). It does not control aphids. Repeated applications usually cause an increase in aphid populations, since it kills aphid predators.

Carbofuran [Furadan 10G, 480F] is highly toxic to humans. Soil applications are effective through systemic and contact action and foliar applications through contact action. Both will control beetles and wireworms. The systemic does not persist long enough to control the second peak of flea beetles. Carbofuran does not control aphids. Applications of Furadan usually result in an increase in aphid populations, since it kills aphid predators.

Oxamyl [Vydate 240EC] has moderate toxicity to humans. It is effective against the beetles and the aphids through contact and systemic action.

Pirimicarb [Pirimor 50WP] has low toxicity to humans. It is very effective any time against aphids, acting through contact and vapour action.

Chlorinated hydrocarbons

Endosulfan [Endosulfan 400EC, Thiodan 400EC] is moderately toxic to humans. It is effective against beetles and the buckthorn aphid through contact and vapour action. Thorough wetting of all plant parts is essential for good control. Low temperatures decrease its effectiveness, especially against the buckthorn aphid.

Organo-phosphates

Non systemic organo-phosphates remain effective for 7 - 14 days.

Azinphos-methyl [Guthion 240SC] is highly toxic to humans. The lower rate is effective against the beetles but the higher rate is necessary to control the buckthorn aphid. It acts as a contact and stomach poison. It offers quick knockdown and has a residual action significantly longer than other non-systemic organo-phosphates.

Chlorpyrifos [Lorsban 480EC] has low toxicity to humans. It works through contact, ingestion and vapour action against the beetles. It does not control potato aphids.

Demeton [Systox 240SC] is highly toxic to humans. It is effective against all three species of aphids by contact and systemic action.

Dimethoate [Cygon 480EC, System 480EC] has low toxicity to humans. It is effective against the potato and the buckthorn aphids by contact and systemic action.

Disulfoton [Di-Syston 15G, 720LC] is highly toxic to humans. It is effective against all pests except the colorado potato beetle whose control has been variable. Especially effective early in the season.

Fonofos [Dyfonate 10G] is highly toxic to humans. It works through contact and ingestion against wireworms. It is most effective when broadcasted and incorporated into the soil by discing prior to planting.

Methamidophos [Monitor 480L] is highly toxic to humans. It is effective against both species of beetles and all three species of aphids by contact and local systemic action. It will control large populations of aphids late in the season. It provides a quick, initial knockdown as well as residual control.

Methidathion [Supracide 250EC] is moderately toxic to humans. It is a contact insecticide that gives good control of the beetles.

Oxydemeton-methyl [Meta Systox R 240SC] is moderately toxic to humans. It controls all three species of aphids by means of contact and systemic action. It is particularly effective against the potato and buckthorn aphids because of its systemic action during the period of active plant growth.

Phorate [Thimet 15G] is highly toxic to humans. It is effective against all pests. It does not persist long enough to control the second peak of flea beetles and its control of aphids is variable.

Phosmet [Imidan 50WP] has low toxicity to humans. It is a contact and stomach poison that is effective against the beetles.

Synthetic pyrethroids

Synthetic pyrethroids are usually most effective at temperatures below 24°C. They are generally toxic to bees and other beneficial insects but most are of low mammalian toxicity. These insecticides are extremely toxic to fish, shellfish and aquatic organisms which are food for fish and waterfowl. Careless use can seriously harm sport and commercial fisheries and wildlife. Although pyrethroids are generally poor potato aphicides, they have a repellent effect on colonising aphids which may protect the plants from infestation and virus spread as long as the residual dose is sufficient, even if it is no longer lethal. Being virtually insoluble in water, they offer excellent resistance to leaching out during rain. They should not be used on muck soils.

Cypermethrin [Cymbush 250EC, Ripcord 400EC] is effective against the beetles by contact and stomach action.

Deltamethrin [Decis 2.5EC] is effective against the beetles as a contact and stomach poison.

Fenvalerate [Belmark 300EC] is moderately toxic to humans. It is a broad spectrum contact and stomach poison that is effective against the potato and buckthorn aphids and the beetles. Against aphids, the higher rate should be used and good coverage is essential. Better aphid control results if application is made before the aphid population has become large.

Permethrin [Ambush 500EC, Pounce 384EC] is effective against the beetles. Thorough coverage of plants is important and the higher rate is required for heavy infestations. It is a contact and stomach poison.

**SEE NOTES AND PRODUCT LABELS
FOR DETAILS ON HERBICIDES**

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	dinoseb	dinoseb 300 P.T.K. (300 g/L)	EC	3.5 L/ha	F	E	E	E	G	—	P	P	P	P	P	P	VHH
BEFORE EMERGENCE	metobromuron		FLOW	4.25-8.5 L/ha	G	E	E	E	G	E	F	—	P	—	P	G	VLH
			FLOW	26-51 L/ha													
	prometryne		WP	28-35 kg/ha	—	E	E	G	F	G	—	F	—	P	—	P	G
	metribuzin		DF	10-15 kg/ha	E	E	E	E	E	G	—	G	—	F	—	P	G
			SU	15-22 L/ha													
	Paraquat		SN	28-55 L/ha	F	G	G	G	—	F	F	P	—	G	P	F	LH

SOON AFTER EMERGENCE — CHECK NOTES FOR PRECAUTIONS	metribuzin	Lexone DF or Sencor DF	DF	0.75 · 1.0 kg/ha	E	E	E	E	E	G	—	F	—	P	F	VLH	
		Lexone L or Sencor 500F	SU	1.1 · 1.5 L/ha													
		Hoe-Grass (284 g/L) **	EC	3.5 L/ha													
		Gramoxone (200 g/L)	SN	3.0 L/ha													
	diclofop-methyl				P	P	P	P	P	E	P			P	P	E	VLH
	paraquat				F	G	G	G	—	F	F			G	—	F	LH

POST- EMERGENCE	fluazi-top-butyl Annual Grass (2 - 6 leaf)	Fusilade *** (250 g/L) + Agral 90	EC + SURF	0.8 L/ha + 0.1 % V/V	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	G		F	P	P	E	VLH
	fluazi-top-butyl Quackgrass (3 - 5 leaf)	Fusilade *** + Agral 90	EC + SURF	2.0 L/ha + 0.1% V/V	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	G	E	P	P	E	VLH
	sethoxidim + ASSIST (wild oats + volunteer cereals)	Poast + (184 g/L) + ASSIST	EC + SURF	1.4 - 1.9 L/ha + 2 L/ha	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	E	VLH
	sethoxidim + ASSIST Annual Grass (2 - 5 leaf)	Poast † (184 g/L) + ASSIST	EC + SURF	0.8 L/ha + 0.5 - 2.0 L/ha	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	E	VLH
	sethoxidim + ASSIST Quackgrass (1 - 3 leaf)	Poast † (184 g/L) + ASSIST	EC + SURF	4.4 L/ha + 2 - 4 L/ha	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	G	P	P	E	VLH
	sethoxidim + ammonium sulphate + ASSIST Quackgrass (1 - 3 leaf)	Poast + (184 g/L) + ammonium sulphate + ASSIST	EC + SP + SURF	2.7 L/ha + 2 kg/ha + 2 L/ha	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	G	P	P	E	VLH

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LEGEND

* A dash (—) in the weed control rating indicates lack of information. Do not use a herbicide more than once or apply an additional herbicide during the growing season unless split or combination treatments are recommended.

**** Do not tank mix with other herbicides.**

*** Do not use Fusilade within 90 days of harvest. Use Agral 90 at 0.1% of total spray volume except when tank mixed with other herbicides.

- + Do not use Poast within 80 days of harvest. Always use Assist oil concentrate at label rates recommended. Do not tank mix except as recommended.

NOTE: FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CAUTIONS ON HERBICIDE USE, REFER TO "Guide to Weed Control," Publication 75 and product labels.

NOTES ON HERBICIDES

All herbicides are known by a chemical name. Agricultural chemical companies use trade names for their products, but, by law, they must include on the label the accepted chemical name for the herbicide and the actual amount of that herbicide in the product.

Supply companies sell products with different concentrations for the same herbicide and over the years some have changed the concentration of active herbicide in a product. The concentrations of metribuzin, EPTC, prometryne and several other herbicides have been changed. Thus, suggested rates in these notes specify the amount of herbicide product required per hectare followed by the amount of active herbicide required in kilograms per hectare.

DALAPON, sold as **Dalapon**, **Dowpon** or **Basfapon** soluble powder containing 74% dalapon is applied in 280 to 450 litres of water per hectare. For control of quack grass (couch) apply when grass is 10 to 15 cm tall. Best results follow working of sod and treating regrowth. Cultivate (plow preferred) to bury the grass 4 to 10 days after spraying.

Preplanting treatment before potatoes or treatment pre-emergence to potatoes with dalapon active at 8-11 kg/ha or 11 to 14 kg/ha requires Basfapon, Dalapon or Dowpon at 10 to 19 kg/ha.

Dalapon does not control barnyard grass. It has been tested for control of barnyard grasses in N.B. without satisfactory control.

DINOSEB, sold as **Dinoseb** 300 P.T.K. is an emulsifiable concentrate containing 300 g/L of dinoseb. It is applied before emergence to potatoes mainly for control of broadleaf weeds.

Dinoseb controls weeds best when applied the last week before potato shoots emerge. Do NOT apply dinoseb to emerged Russet Burbank potatoes. Late treatment of Russet Burbanks often stunts the growth of the vines and has severely reduced the yield. Some potato varieties may tolerate late application but it is safest to apply dinoseb before any potato shoots have emerged.

Dinoseb is applied at 1.05 kg active per hectare which is approximately 3.5 litres Dinoseb 300 P.T.K. per hectare.

Dinoseb is a contact-residual weedkiller which controls germinating broadleaf weeds for several weeks if applied at the recommended rate and the soil is not disturbed following application. Dinoseb will control broadleaf weeds better if it is applied before the weeds have developed three true leaves.

Dinoseb is extremely poisonous. It is absorbed through the skin and through breathing the spray mist. Avoid physical contact. Apply at LOW PRESSURE, 140 to 200 KPa and 250 L/h volume of water, using flat fan nozzles to lessen drift hazard to the operator of the sprayer.

DICLOFOP-METHYL, sold as **Hoe-Grass** contains 190 g diclofop-methyl per litre of **Hoe-Grass**.

Diclofop-methyl is applied post-emergence to the potatoes for control of annual grasses in the 1 to 4 leaf stage. It will effectively control barnyard grass, green and yellow foxtail, wild oats, old witchgrass, fall panicum and volunteer corn. Apply at 1 kg active per hectare which is Hoe-grass at 5.2 litres/hectare or 100 to 300 litres of water per hectare. Do not apply if rain is expected within one hour after application. Tank mixture of diclofop-methyl with other chemicals must not be used.

As diclofop-methyl controls only certain grassy weeds, it is important to control broadleaf weeds by using a pre-emergence herbicide such as linuron or monolinuron.

EPTC, sold as **Eptam 8E**, contains 800 gms emulsifiable concentrate (EC) of EPTC per litre. It is applied under low pressure 200 KPa in 110 - 340 litres of water per hectare. Also available in granular formulations, it is used for potatoes as a preplanting, pre-emergence or postemergence treatment for many weeds, including annual grasses, quack grass and nutsedge. A few broadleaf weeds, such as wild radish, lamb's quarters and wild mustard are not controlled.

For control of annual grasses apply and incorporate EPTC either preplanting or at lay-by at 3.4 to 4.5 kg active per hectare which is 4.2 to 5.6 litres/ha of Eptam 8E.

For control of dense stands of nutsedge and quack grass apply and incorporate EPTC preplanting at 5.6 to 6.7 kg EPTC per hectare which is 6.25 to 8.4 l/ha of Eptam 8E. The underground quack grass rhizomes must be cut up thoroughly so that four or less nodes remain on a stand. This is best done with discs set to cut 15 to 20 cm deep.

EPTC must be incorporated into the soil immediately to prevent loss of the herbicide. Once trapped into the soil, the vapour which forms when EPTC comes into contact with moisture acts to destroy germinating weed seeds and quack grass rhizomes if the rhizomes are cut into short lengths of 7.5 cm or less. The soil must be in good tilth and have a dry surface. EPTC sprayed on wet soils vaporizes quickly into the air and is lost. It is less active in cold soils than in warm soils. It is difficult to incorporate into stoney soil. Whenever possible, application and incorporation should be done in the same operation.

EPTC is incorporated using power driven cultivation equipment set to cut to a depth of 5 to 8 cm, or tandem discs set to cut to a depth of 10 to 15 cm, operated at 6.4 to 9.7 kilometers per hour, or a Danish type cultivator, with tines set on 15 to 20 cm centers, set 10 cm deep, operated at 10 to 13 km/hr. and followed by a spike tooth harrow or some other levelling device which extends beyond the ends of the discs or cultivator.

An overspray with a pre-emergence or postemergence herbicide for germinating annual broadleaf weeds is usually required to control some of the weeds tolerant to EPTC.

FUAZIFOP-BUTYL, sold as **Fusilade** contains 250 g fluzafop-butyl per litre of Fusilade.

It is applied post-emergence to the potatoes and weeds and will give control of many annual grasses and also quackgrass. It does not control broadleaf weeds or sedges such as nutsedge. Growth of grasses stops soon after application but kill of the whole plant may take several weeks. For annual grass control, apply at 0.2 - 0.25 kg ai/ha which is 0.8 - 1.0 litres per hectare of Fusilade when the annual grasses have 2 - 6 leaves. For quackgrass control, apply 0.5 kg ai/ha which is 2 litres per hectare of Fusilade when the quackgrass has 3 to 5 leaves on each shoot. Always add Agral 90 at 0.1% of total spray volume for the above treatments. DO NOT ADD AGRAL 90 WHEN FUSILADE IS TANK-MIXED WITH OTHER HERBICIDES.

GLYPHOSATE, sold as **Roundup** containing 359 grams of glyphosate per litre as isopropylamine salt, for perennial weed control prior to planting potatoes.

Apply glyphosate in the spring or fall at 1.7 to 2.5 kg/ha that is 4.7 to 7 litres of Roundup per hectare for quack (couch) grass control. The quack grass must be at least 20 centimeters in height (3 to 4 leaf stage). Tillage prior to application will reduce control of quack grass.

Weed control with glyphosate is reduced if dirty water is used for application. Where tillage is desired, delay for 5 to 7 days after application. Glyphosate has no soil activity. Therefore, it will not injure crops planted in the treated area.

LINURON* sold as **Afolan F** containing 450 g/L of linuron per litre or **Lorox L** with 480 gm linuron per litre or **Lorox WP** or **Linuron WP** with 50% linuron concentration before potato sprouts emerge, never on the sprouts. Abnormally heavy rainfall following application may cause crop injury. However, moisture is needed for good weed control action. Potato sets should be 5 cm below the treated soil.

Apply linuron at 1.1 to 2.2 kg/ha active linuron, which with Afolan, 2.4 to 4.9 L/ha, or with Lorox L is 2.3 to 4.6 L/ha, or with Lorox 50 or Linuron 50 WP is 2.2 to 4.5 kg/ha. The high rate usually controls annual grasses such as barnyard grass. Do not use on sand or coarse textured soils low in organic matter. Use the higher rate on clay.

Linuron is compatible with alachlor and dalapon. Linuron formulated as a wettable powder (W.P.) requires constant agitation to keep it in suspension.

METOBROMURON, sold as **Pastoran** as two flowable formulations is applied in 150 to 300 litres/ha as a single treatment pre-emergence to both potatoes and weeds.

Apply metobromuron pre-emergence at 1.7 to 3.4 kg/ha which is 4.25 - 8.5 L/ha of Patoran (400 g/L) or 2.5 - 5.0 L/ha of Patoran FLOW (670 g/L) or at ground crack at 1.0 to 3.4 kg/ha which is 2.5 - 8.5 L/ha of Patoran (400 g/L). Use the lower rates on lighter soils. These require constant agitation in the spray tank. If annual grasses are present see notes on metolachlor for combination treatment. If annual grasses are not present the lowest rate may be used for annual broadleaf weed control.

Metobromuron enters weeds principally through the roots. Where annual grasses are a problem, use the higher rate recommended for the soil type. To improve weed control activity during a prolonged drought, metobromuron can be incorporated in the top 4 cm of soil.

METOLACHLOR, sold as **Dual** containing 960 g/l emulsifiable concentrate (EC) metolachlor, is applied at a pressure not exceeding 200 kpa with fan type nozzles. Follow label directions for adding metolachlor to the tank during filling.

Apply metolachlor at 2 to 2.7 kg/ha which as Dual 960E is 2.1 to 2.8 l/ha. For control of nutsedge apply preplant incorporated (ppi) (see label) only or for annual grasses either ppi or preemergence. Use the higher rate wherever annual grass or nutsedge predominates. Do not apply on potato variety Superior. Do not apply metolachlor at ground crack or if potatoes have emerged. If metolachlor is applied pre-emergent, it can be tank mixed with metobromuron in order to control broadleaf annual weeds. Do not use these mixtures on sandy soils of less than 3% organic matter. Do not incorporate tank mixes of metolachlor plus metobromuron into the soil.

If drought conditions persist after metolachlor application, either preplant incorporated or pre-emergent annual grass control may not be adequate. The herbicide lasts 10 to 14 weeks in the soil and requires 0.6 to 1.25 cm of rain within 10 days to activate it. It is effective over a wide range of soil types but should not be applied to muck, peat muck or high organic matter soils. Perennial weeds are not controlled.

METRIBUZIN is sold as **Lexone** or **Sencor**. Lexone DF and Sencor DF, dry flowable, contain 75% metribuzin. Sencor 5F, a liquid, contains 500 gm/l and Lexone L 480 gm/l.

Metribuzin is used pre-emergence to potatoes at 0.56 to 1.1 kg active per hectare which with Lexone DF is 0.75 to 1.5 kg/ha or with Sencor 5F is 1.1 to 2.2 L/ha. The higher rate is usually required to control annual grasses. Also, the higher rate will retard the growth of quackgrass. Moisture is needed shortly after a pre-emergence application for better weed control.

Do not use on Belleisle or Tobique cultivars. Use only pre-emergence on Shepody cultivars. Do not use on muck soil. Fall-seeded cover crops and certain vegetables such as cole crops, seeded the following spring are likely to be injured. Avoid overlaps that will increase dosages above those recommended. Read the manufacturer's label.

PRE-EMERGENCE APPLICATION (PLANTING TO GROUND CRACK) OF METRIBUZIN IS PREFERRED. However, where it is not possible to spray before crop emergence, metribuzin can be applied early postemergence before weeds are 4 cm high and before first emerged potato tops are 7.5 cm high. This treatment may cause temporary yellowing and/or leaf burn, especially when the crop is under the stress of poor growing conditions such as cool, wet, cloudy weather. Under Atlantic Canada conditions, a few early postemergence applications have occasionally reduced vine growth sufficiently to retard bulking and possibly to reduce yield. However, under these situations, the use of metribuzin early postemergence to potatoes could be better than abandoning the crop to weeds which are difficult to control by cultivation such as barnyard grass.

Some of the limitations on early postemergence applications are as follows:

- Do not use when plants are under stress, such as cool, wet, cloudy weather or very dry soil conditions.
- If insufficient metribuzin was used pre-emergence, it may be necessary to apply an additional early postemergence treatment to control annual grass. In one season, do not apply more than a total of 1.1 kg active metribuzin per hectare.
- Weed control with early postemergence application is most effective when spray is applied before weeds are 4 cm high.
- Do not apply metribuzin early postemergence on Shepody, Tobique, Belleisle, red-skinned varieties or potatoes grown for early market.
- Superior and Norchip are mid-season varieties which appear to be sensitive to metribuzin applied postemergence.

MONOLINURON, sold as **Afesin** is an emulsifiable concentrate (E.C.) containing 200 gm of monolinuron per litre.

Monolinuron is applied in 225 to 450 litres of water per hectare between planting and emergence of potatoes; never on potato shoots.

Apply monolinuron at 1.1 to 2.2 kg active per hectare which is 5.6 to 11.2 litres of Afesin per hectare. Use the lower rate on soils with low organic matter and the higher rate on clay or soils high in organic matter.

PARAQUAT, sold as **Gramazone** containing 200 gm paraquat per litre kills weeds on contact with the foliage. Apply in 280 to 560 litres of water per hectare to emerged weeds including quackgrass. It can be used in N.B. and P.E.I. postemergence on potatoes (except Russet Burbank) up until the stems are 5 cm high (one week after ground crack). Do not apply postemergence to potatoes in the evening, or on cloudy days, or when the plants are under moisture shortage. Temporary chlorosis (loss of leaf colour) of potato leaves will occur.

Paraquat is used to reduce the growth of quackgrass at 0.56 kg active paraquat per hectare which is 2.8 litres of Gramoxone per hectare.

Application of paraquat for emergence control of quackgrass and emerged annual grass may be made when shoots are up to 10 cm high (not to Russet Burbank) but potato leaf chlorosis may be more severe and yield could be reduced. Late application should only be considered when quackgrass or annual grasses threaten the crop.

Paraquat is inactivated on contact with the soil so there is no residual action in the soil. If new weed growth appears, it will be necessary to cultivate or use a postemergence herbicide. Usually, the lay-by cultivation (hilling) will be sufficient. For residual control of annual broadleaf weeds and annual grasses, tank mix paraquat and metribuzin at 0.56 kg/ha or linuron, metobromuron or monolinuron at 1.1 to 1.7 kg/ha. Use the lower rate of linuron, metobromuron, or monolinuron on lighter soils and the higher rate on heavier soils with high organic matter. Apply the tank mix before the potatoes emerge.

Use clear water for applying paraquat as it is deactivated by clay or organic particles.

PROMETRYNE, sold as **Gesagard** containing 80% prometryne, is a wettable powder formulation. It is applied in 170 to 340 litres of water per hectare shortly before or at emergence of potatoes, providing no more than 10% of the crop has emerged.

Apply prometryne at 2.2 to 2.8 kg active per hectare which is 2.8 to 3.5 kg of Gesagard 80 WP per hectare. Use lower rate on coarse sandy soils.

Prometryne applied pre-emergence to weeds requires rainfall or irrigation for satisfactory weed control. Addition of a surfactant or a suitable emulsifiable oil will improve control of annual grasses when prometryne is applied to emerged weeds.

SETHOXYDIM, sold as **Poast** contains 184 grams of sethoxydim per litre. Sethoxydim is a postemergence, contact and systemic herbicide for the control of certain grasses and uptake is primarily through leaves. Thorough coverage of the foliage is necessary for consistent grass control. Complete annual grass control takes 7 to 21 days depending on growing conditions and crop competition. Control of quackgrass may take 6 to 8 weeks.

Application is made at the 1 to 6 leaf stage of annual grasses and at the 3 leaf stage of quackgrass. A cultivation no sooner than 7 days after application of sethoxydim will improve grass control. **ASSIST OIL CONCENTRATE** must be added to all applications of sethoxydim. Best results are obtained in water volumes of 50 to 200 litres per hectare. Do not use flood jet or hollow cone nozzles with this herbicide as level of grass control will be reduced. See product label for information on rate of application and mixes with **AMMONIUM SULPHATE**. This herbicide does not control broadleaf weeds. Use an appropriate pre-emergence herbicide to control broadleaf weeds.

SPROUT INHIBITORS

Sprout inhibitors provide a rather inexpensive means of keeping potatoes in good condition for the late fresh or processing markets. Sprouts cause shrinkage of the tuber and result in a smaller volume of saleable potatoes.

Mechanical or manual removal of sprouts is not required where sprout inhibitors have been used.

When sprout inhibitors are used as directed there is no harmful effect on humans and residues are below tolerance levels.

Name	Method	Comments
maleic hydrazide (Royal MH 60SG)	Applied at 3.39 kg active (5.65 kg product) per hectare in a minimum of 300 L/ha water by ground equipment or a minimum of 300 L/ha water by aerial equipment.	Time of application is critical. Follow the instructions on the label carefully.
chlorpropham (CIPC)	Applied in storage after curing is complete. Cannot be used in a storage containing seed potatoes. Seed cannot be safely stored in a treated house within six months of treatment. Misted on potatoes during grading operation.	CIPC for in-storage application is available only from manufacturer's representative and must be applied under his supervision. Effectiveness of this treatment is reduced on dirty potatoes. This treatment used to control sprouting during retailing and home storage by the consumer.

Never use sprout inhibitors in a seed storage. Never store treated potatoes in a seed storage. Never use treated potatoes for seed.

TOPKILLERS

Chemical Name	Product Name	Formulation	Product/ha	Hazard Rating
diquat	Reglone (200 g/L)	SN	1.5 - 2.75 L/ha plus 1.5 L/ha 6 days later if needed	LH
dinoseb acid	Potato Top Killer (300 g/L)	SN	5.0 - 7.0 L/ha **	VHH
			5.0 - 8.5 L/ha ***	VHH
dinoseb	Dytop (300 g/L)	EC	5.6 - 8.4 L/ha	VHH
* Use 2.75 L/ha on dense or immature vines. ** Use this rate in low volume sprays of 40 to 150 L of water per hectare. *** Use this rate in medium volume sprays of 200 to 350 L of water per hectare.				
Use the higher rate on green, immature, dense or rapidly growing tops.		Use a lower rate on tops showing some maturity, yellowing or senescence.		

NOTES ON TOPKILLERS

DIQUAT is the active chemical in **Reglone**. Application should be made after growth has passed its peak, rather than when plants are growing actively.

Apply diquat in at least 560 litres of water per hectare (label direction). Do not apply diquat during drought conditions, wait for at least three days after the soil has been thoroughly moistened by rain or irrigation. Do not use diquat if the tops have been damaged by a rotobearer or other similar machine. Do not use wetters (surfactants), except as directed on the label. Use clear water with diquat as it is deactivated by clay or organic particles.

Red Pontiac may be sensitive to high rates of diquat as some stem-end rot has been encountered especially when diquat was applied at higher than the recommended rate.

Diquat and Fentin hydroxide (Du-Ter) should not be applied in combination for topkilling. Laboratory tests show that diquat (Reglone) is stable and compatible with the following fungicides: Difolatan 4.8F, Dithane M22 (Mantox, Sabithane, etc.), Dithane M45, Polyram 80W Bravo Flowable and Tricop (tribasic copper sulphate). A thick curd-like foam forms sometimes with Bravo 75W.

DINOSEB ACID is the active material in **Potato Top Killer** or in **Dytop** (contains 300 gms dinoseb per litre plus an emulsifier). Caution should be used as stem end discoloration of the tubers has been reported from use of high rates of dinoseb and other top killers, as well.

Dytop is compatible with Polyram and most other organic fungicides and insecticides. The compatibility with Difolatan is not known. Do not mix with fixed copper or Bordeaux fungicides. Dinoseb and Fentin hydroxide (Du-Ter) should not be applied in combination for top killing.

Add the fungicide and then the Dytop after the tank is half full of water. Keep the agitator running until the spray tank is empty.

FOLIAR FUNGICIDES

FUNGICIDES	FORMULATION	PRODUCT (RATE ha)			HAZARD RATING
		LATE BLIGHT	EARLY BLIGHT	BOTRYTIS VINEROT [GRAY MOULD]	
Chlorothalonil (Bravo)	500 flowable	1.3 - 2.4 L	1.6 - 2.4 L	1.6 - 2.4 L	VLH
Mancozeb (Dithane M45)	80% W.P.	1.7 - 2.2 kg	1.7 - 2.2 kg	--	VLH
Mancozeb (Dithane F-45) (Manzate 200)	75% D.G. 75% D.F.	1.7 - 2.2 kg 1.7 - 2.2 kg	1.7 - 2.2 kg 1.7 - 2.2 kg	-- --	VLH VLH
Metiram (Polyram)	80% D.F.	1.75 - 2.25 kg	1.75 - 2.25 kg	--	VLH
* Metalaxyl Mancozeb (Ridomil MZ)	72% W.P.	2.5 kg	**	--	

* Metalaxyl is a temporary registered product and is for limited use.
 ** Metalaxyl does not control early blight.

POTATO SEED PIECE TREATMENT

PRODUCTS		FORMULATION	PRODUCT/100 kg/SEED	HAZARD RATING
MANCOZEB + Douglas Fir Bark	Tuberseal	16% DU	.5 kg	VLH
MANCOZEB + Alder Bark	Clean Crop	8% DU	1.0 kg	VLH
Captan + Diazinon	Captan	7.5% + 0.1% DU	.5 kg	LH
Metiram	Polyram 7	7.0% + 0.1% DU	1 - 1.5 kg	LH
Metiram + Diazinon	Fungicide Insecticide DU	7.0% + 0.1% DU	1 - 1.5 kg	LH
Thiophanate - Methyl	Easeout	10% + 0.2% DU	0.5 kg	LH

POST HARVEST FUNGICIDE

Apply MERTECT, Thiabendazole, as a mist spray on WHOLE potatoes going into storage to control the fungal diseases: Fusarium, Phoma, Rhizoctonia, Silver Scurf and Skin Spot. The control of these diseases is obtained by adding 8 litres of Mertect (45%) to 170.21 litres of water. Apply this suspension at the rate of 2 litres per metric tonne of potatoes. This treatment is effective only when the TOTAL surface of each tuber is covered and recommended rates are used.

In addition, Mertect can be applied at the same application rate when potatoes are being moved, as fungal organisms are present on grading equipment and mechanical injuries will create an entry point for fungal diseases. Do not use after sprout initiation.

CAUTION. DO NOT combine Mertect with chlorinated compound.

RULES FOR CHEMICAL PESTICIDE SAFETY

Treat all pesticide (insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, etc.) as poisonous substances and handle them with great caution. They can kill.

1. Read each pesticide label carefully and follow the instructions. The instructions on a pesticide label serve to safeguard the health of the user as well as to ensure the pesticide is employed as efficiently and economically as possible. When in doubt, read the label.
2. Always wear the recommended protective clothing and safety equipment. Pesticides may enter the user's body through the skin, the mouth or by inhalation. The protective equipment worn by the conscientious pesticide applier includes a respirator or gas mask, a wide-brimmed hat, goggles, a shirt with long sleeves over neoprene or rubber gloves, overalls with rubber bands around the cuff, and neoprene or rubber boots. Because fumigants are readily absorbed by neoprene, be sure to follow label instructions. Don't follow someone else's bad example. Wear the required safety equipment. It's for your own good.
3. Open, pour, weigh and mix pesticides in a safe manner and according to label instructions. Use the proper tools to open a container. Stand upwind of all opening, pouring and mixing operations, and in a well-ventilated area. Avoid splashing and spilling.
4. Learn to recognize the typical signs of poisoning and the correct first aid procedures. Keep a first aid kit handy. Some symptoms of acute poisoning are nausea, diarrhea, loss of muscle coordination, stomach cramps, mental confusion, etc.
5. If you feel ill during pesticide application, stop work and seek medical attention at once. Do not carry on because of the work schedule. Always save the pesticide container or the label to assist the medical aid person.
6. Do not permit any person including yourself, to work alone when handling or applying pesticides.
7. Never use your mouth to siphon liquid materials or to blow out a clogged spray nozzle.
8. Keep people and animals away from contaminated equipment and areas until decontamination procedures are complete.
9. Be sure a good supply of lime, sawdust, or other absorbent is available on site to soak up a spilled pesticide.
10. Do not permit anyone unfamiliar with chemical safety practices to carry out cleaning or maintenance procedures. Appropriate protective equipment is necessary for cleaning and maintenance personnel.
11. Always dispose of irreparable faulty protective equipment and contaminated clothing.
12. Do not store pesticides near any food or drink. Store them in a locked, well-marked area and out of the reach of children.
13. Do not keep any food, drink, tobacco, cups or cutlery anywhere in the work areas or work clothes. Refrain from smoking, eating, or drinking while mixing or applying pesticides.
14. Dispose of empty containers by crushing and puncturing and burying in at least 50 cm of soil at a recommended site or on your own property away from watercourses, crops, animals, or human habitation. Recycle 200 L drums if possible. Small pesticide containers should be thoroughly rinsed at least three times with the rinsings being added to the spray mix.
15. After handling pesticides, wash hands carefully before eating, drinking, smoking, or using the toilet.
16. Shower thoroughly, with special attention to hair and fingernails, after each pesticide application is complete. Change clothes daily or more often if any contamination occurs. Wash contaminated clothing separately from normal laundry.
17. Before mixing and applying pesticides, clear all livestock, pets and people from the area to be treated. Apply pesticides only at the correct time and under acceptable weather conditions.

18. Check the application equipment. Look for leaking hoses, or connections, plugged or worn nozzles, and examine the seals on the filter openings to make sure they will prevent pesticide spillage.
19. Mix the pesticide at the recommended rate, and apply at the specific dosage on the label. Carry only a sufficient quantity of the pesticide for the job at hand.

POISON INFORMATION CENTRES

The hospitals listed below are equipped and staffed 24 hours a day to provide emergency information on potentially toxic substances and to recommend and give treatment.

Newfoundland

Labrador City	— Capt. Wm. Jackman Memorial Hospital 944-2632
Cornerbrook	— Western Memorial Hospital 634-4393
Gander	— James Paton Memorial Hospital 651-2500
Grand Falls	— Central Newfoundland Hospital 489-6661
St. Anthony	— Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital St. Anthony 454-8881
St. John's	— The Dr. Charles A. Janeway Child Health Care Centre 722-1110

Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown	— Queen Elizabeth Hospital 566-6111
Montague	— Kings County Memorial Hospital 838-2152
Summerside	— Prince County Hospital 436-9131

Nova Scotia

Halifax	— The Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children 424-3100
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New Brunswick

Campbellton	— Campbellton Regional Hospital 753-3301
Fredericton	— Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital 452-5400
Moncton	— Moncton Hospital 857-5111
Saint John	— Saint John Regional Hospital 648-7111
Edmundston	— Edmundston Regional Hospital 735-3361
Bathurst	— Chaleur Regional Hospital 548-8961

SAFETY FIRST

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		INSECTICIDES	Ambush, Pounce	Belmark	Cygon, System	Cymbush	Decis	Furadan	Guthion	Imidan	Lorsban	Metasystox - R	Monitor	Pirimor	Sevin	Supracide	Systox	Thiodan, Endosulfan	FUNGICIDES	Bravo	Difolatan	Dithane M45, Manzate 200	Polyram	Ridomil	TOPKILLERS	Potato Topkiller, Dyfop	Reglone
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This chart applies only to the use of two-material spray combinations. When three or more materials are tank-mixed or when a wettable powder and a liquid formulation are mixed, incompatibility may develop. Follow directions on the label.

NOTE:

- This chart is only a guide to mixing - refer to pesticide label.
- Some plant nutrients applied as a foliar spray may influence the effectiveness of certain pesticides
- Mineral oil sprays are not compatible with fungicides
- Do not allow spray mixtures to stand for long periods before using
- When mixing a wettable powder and a emulsifiable concentrate, put the powder into solution first